Jason & Lindsay

About Us

We are from the same hometown and met for the first time when Lindsay was in high school and Jason was in college, when we spent one summer working together. At that time there was no romantic interest, but a decade later, a mutual friend re-introduced us, and we immediately hit it off and started dating. We got married on our 10th anniversary of re-meeting and have been married for 5 years. In 15 years together, we've built a life that we love, and we are ready to expand our family and share that love.

We bring out the best in each other, and our strengths and weaknesses complement each other. We enjoy spending time outdoors, whether hiking and traveling, or just relaxing in our pool. We also love gardening (and Jason loves to cook!), so we've built large vegetable gardens and planted a "mini orchard" of apple and fig trees. Most of all, we're not afraid to be silly and just have fun, whether we're doing something special or just in day-to-day life.

Jason is an estate attorney, and Lindsay is a healthcare operations consultant. We both own our own businesses, allowing us flexibility in our work and future parenting schedules.

We live in our hometown, just minutes from both sets of parents, who are also so excited to welcome a grandchild. Our grandparents were an important part of our lives growing up, and we are so happy that our child will get to have the same experience with our parents.

Our Home

We live in a 3-bedroom ranch home in a quiet, residential neighborhood within easy walking distance of three city parks, the local elementary school, and the city high school. It's a close-knit neighborhood where we know our neighbors, everyone helps and looks out for each other, and the neighborhood kids play together. In the summer, we swim, plant, and harvest, and in the winter, we keep warm by the wood-burning fireplace.

About Jason

written by Lindsay

Jason has always wanted to be a dad. In fact, when he was four years old, he informed his parents very seriously that he intended to have 23 children one day. Before I knew that about him, though, I knew he had all the characteristics to be a great dad. One of the first things that drew me to him is his genuine positivity. He's upbeat and silly, ready to have the BEST time at whatever we're doing, even if it's just getting ready in the morning or running errands (like the time we were driving through downtown together, and he decided to roll down all the windows in the car to blast Toto's "Africa" as loud as he could, because why not?).

He also has an insatiable appetite for information and listens to audiobooks and podcasts constantly. A good friend described him as "a human encyclopedia." Whether it's current events and politics, ancient Egypt, maritime exploration, the movie industry, modern aircraft and flight routes, baseball, English soccer, or Formula 1 (I could go on…😊), he loves learning new things and sharing that knowledge.

Jason is a very creative person, whether it's drafting the perfect legal documents for his clients' varied estates, or cooking something new (he does all the meal prep in our house). He is kind, loving, and a steady and reliable partner. I always know I can count on him to take care of our family, home, and pets, no matter what is needed.

About Lindsay

written by Jason

Lindsay is the smartest person I have ever met (and I have met a Supreme Court Justice.) What makes Lindsay unique, though, is the way she applies this to help those around her. This can be professionally, where she solves fiendishly difficult regulatory problems for her clients, but also manifests in more lighthearted ways, such as when local PokémonGo players nicknamed her "the President of Pokémon" for helping them get organized for game events. Lindsay is incredibly generous with her time and talents and is always focused on helping others.

A story: We get a live Christmas tree every year, and a few years back, after it was in our house for a few weeks, Lindsay noticed praying mantises hatching in the tree. Rather than let them die, our kitchen counters were soon full of makeshift enclosures and food for dozens of young praying mantises. When spring finally arrived, Lindsay released the adolescent mantises into our gardens. Lindsay's compassion and resourcefulness are present in everything she does, and those qualities assured that our "accidental praying mantises" made it to spring.

Above all, though, Lindsay is kind. I cannot imagine a person more temperamentally suited to the challenges of parenthood.

Fun Facts

Jason

Occupation: Estate Attorney, Business Owner

Education: Bachelor's Degree in History, Juris Doctorate

Hobbies: Cooking, gardening, listening to history audio books, watching horror movies (without Lindsay!)

Collections: Cookbooks and movies

Fun Fact: Distantly related to the head family of a Scottish Clan

Childhood memory: My grandmother indulging my early interest in learning to cook by letting me make a steak for her on her drastically underpowered indoor electric grill and it taking a comically long time (over an hour) to get even close to done.

Things I love that Lindsay hates: Horror Movies, Cumin

Lindsay

Occupation: Healthcare Operations Consultant, Business Owner

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Anthropology

Hobbies: Gardening, making jewelry, crafting, listening to music

Collections: Beads/jewelry-making supplies and house plants

Fun Fact: Has lived in Chile, Spain, and South Korea and speaks Spanish and a little Korean

Childhood memory: Playing with cousins in the creek by Grandma and Grandpa's house and bringing back buckets of crawdads to show the family (released unharmed after showing them off!)

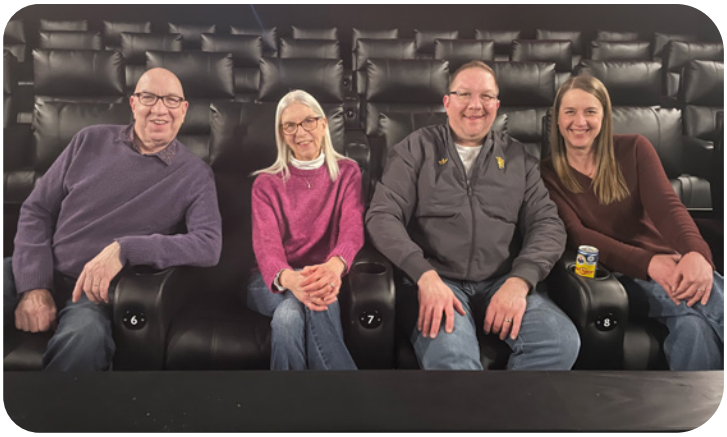
Things I love that Jason hates: Jigsaw puzzles, Microsoft Excel

Our Friends, Family, and Community

All four of our parents live in our town, so we frequently see and spend time with them, be it grabbing a meal together or going to the movies. We have a close group of friends, getting together for BBQs, birthdays and other special events. We live in the town where we went to college, and have frequent visits from college friends when they come back for alumni events. We also go to a small, tightly knit church, where getting together for meals and service projects outside of Sunday services is the norm.

Lindsay and her parents at their regular Friday-night dinner (while Jason watches the newest horror movie release in the theater).

Our church family.



Jason and Lindsay at the movies with his parents.

Summer BBQ with friends.

Jason and his college fraternity Fantasy Baseball league.

Brunch with friends (and it's Jason's turn with the "Birthday Princess" hat we pass around for each b-day).

New Year's Eve dinner with friends.

Lindsay's aunt, uncle, cousins, and their spouses and children at her cousin's wedding.

Lindsay's family at her grandfather's 100th birthday celebration.

Our Pets

We have two dogs and two cats, all from local rescue groups. The dogs are Rory (black labradoodle mix) and Molly (speckled cattle dog mix). They are both around 40 pounds, and love to play, go for walks, and run around the backyard. They are very friendly and haven't met a person they wouldn't lick. The cats are Winston, a peach tabby named for his chubby cheeks at adoption, and Maggie, a tortoiseshell. When they aren't begging for snuggles, they love to lay in the entertainment center, overheating the DVD player and PlayStation.

Dear Birthparent(s),

Thank you for considering us. We want you to know that we respect you, and the difficulty of this decision. If we are given the chance to raise a child, we will raise them with unconditional love and support, not only from us, but also from our family, friends, and community. We will teach them to value their uniqueness and their history, and we will ensure they are given every opportunity to be their very best self, whatever that may be. They will grow and thrive in a house full of love, pets, and the smells of whatever Jason is cooking up for dinner, and we will ensure they know your love for them as part of their story.

Sincerely,

Jason & Lindsay

Why Adoption?

Even before we met, we both thought that adoption was a wonderful way to start or grow a family. Once we were ready to have children together, we were not successful at first, then Lindsay's health required us to choose between a hysterectomy and other riskier treatment paths that might leave a chance at fertility. We chose the hysterectomy, knowing that family isn't defined by shared genetics, but by love, commitment, and lifelong support.

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